

## VICTIMS OF THE RACETRACK

### WHAT THEY THINK OF THE GOVERNOR'S FIGHT.

Sample Letters From Mothers and Wives of Bettors, From a School Principal, a Police Lieutenant, and a Gambler Who Says the Committee Will Kill the Bill.

ALBANY, March 1.—Gov. Hughes gave out to-day copies of eighteen of the letters relating to racetrack gambling with which the executive offices have been flooded in the last few days. Most of them are from women whose husbands or sons have presented their salaries to the bookmakers. One is from a Brooklyn school principal. One from a New York police lieutenant and one from somebody who signs himself a "plain gambler." The gambler writes:

While I admit that the bookmaker, the trainer and many owners are sure thing gamblers and admit that the worst kind of a brace game we don't intend to let you stop it. You may put up 100,000 strong arguments and we will beat you by putting up 200,000 stronger arguments. Your members are already hanging out signs of defeat. It takes less to kill it than to keep it. A woman tells the Governor that he has undertaken "a very honorable and absolute duty." "My husband," she writes, "earns a pretty nice salary and we could live comfortably here if not for the racetrack. During the seven months of racing my husband draws his wages and goes to the track and after losing one-half or three-quarters of same he brings the rest home, which is not much. I have a crippled child whom I take to the hospital twice a week, but during the racing season I cannot do same as I have not got far at times. I trust that you will understand the rest and may God help you in your undertaking."

Another woman writes that her husband has worked for one firm for thirty years but the races have swallowed all his savings. "When I talk to him about it there is an awful fight," she says, "and I have to go away from home until he gets over his temper. He does not drink, but it isn't much better. When I read the paper for my husband I said to myself, 'I will be a blessing when the Governor passes that bill. My husband said: 'He can't stop the races; there are too many big men behind the racetrack.' I said to him: 'Wait until you see what the Governor will do.' I have a son and he is a very good young man, but I fear he is going in his father's footsteps, for when he saves a few dollars he is talking about next summer and the races. But I hope to God there will not be any racing then."

The Brooklyn principal, whose school it appears is "near Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach and Gravesend," urges the passage of the Hart-Agnew bill on this ground: "I have had pupils, many of them less than ten years old, gambling—led on by the tracks close to my school. I have seen burglary committed by a boy less than ten years old to get money to go to the racetrack. I hold no cancelled checks given to a young man for one of his family less than a year ago, which check was never received by the person to whom it should have gone; the bookmakers got it. Three of my late graduates, bright fellows, every one of them, largely through gambling, and one has begun to deal from his parents. Surely boys are worth more than well bred horses, though so many think otherwise."

A young man 24 years old who thinks he could stop gambling if relieved of temptation relates that he lost at the track last summer \$550, seven years' savings. Here is the police lieutenant's letter: "There is no permit to bet for the manly stand you have taken to abolish racetrack gambling. If it can be accomplished you will do more good for the youth and homes in this State than any act of legislation that has been attempted in a generation. Racetrack gambling is the cause of today by a gang of notorious crooks from all over this country and Europe is a disgrace to the fair name of the glorious State of New York, and I have such confidence in your ability and integrity as to believe that this gang of crooks will be seeking other employment soon."

You should visit the field stand, and there you will see the graduates from the grand stand—a more pitiable spectacle you never met. Women in hardly clothes and shoes to protect them from the weather. Men and youths in the same condition, all trying to beat an impossible and crooked game, legalized by this State. I tell you the racetrack gambling is the cause of today by a gang of notorious crooks from all over this country and Europe is a disgrace to the fair name of the glorious State of New York, and I have such confidence in your ability and integrity as to believe that this gang of crooks will be seeking other employment soon."

A woman tells the Governor that her husband became "a liar and a cheat and demoralized (it seems) beyond redemption," although he never won much at the track. A two line note says:

DEAR GOVERNOR: My son has done his share for sake of his family and my family have suffered in accordance.

Another husband who is offered in evidence—his family and education were good—turned to betting, put in his spare time reading racetrack literature, paid tipsters, spent most of his earnings, neglected his family and finally was taken to an insane asylum. His wife is now worrying with their children. "Before my husband began betting," she says, "he was most kind and good, but after he did not have any use for me or his children. I hope you will be victorious in your efforts to abolish this vice, as I have a little boy who, I hope, will never bet."

Here are parts of other letters:

DEAR KIND SIR: Listen to the plea of a broken hearted widow. Do not fall in your road work to stop racing and bookmaking. I could only relate the case of misery that has brought me and has made a dishonest man of my son, who was good until he got acquainted with a bookmaker, and then there was no more work for him but an easy life, using every dollar he can lay his hands on and stealing when he cannot get it honestly. Bookmaking leaves me a hard working woman, earning my living over the tub trying to keep the rest of my family respectable.

YOUR EXCELLENCY: Will you kindly accept word of appreciation in regard to your stand against betting at the racetracks for the wife of a Government clerk who has suffered because of money mispent in this way? Oh, no, I am not a fanatic, but I would like to see some of the evils that almost ruined my son removed from the path of my son.

DEAR MR. GOVERNOR: I am the father of a family and have a son who did wrong because he bet on the horses. This betting is an awful curse and should be stopped. It ruins every body who I hope with my heart you will pass a law to stop it, and you will receive the blessings of everybody except the gamblers.

## CAR BARN FIRE INQUIRY.

### Commissioner Bonner Believes an Incendiary Set It and the Paint Shop Blame.

Acting under orders from Commissioner Hugh Bonner, Fire Marshal Peter Seery has begun an investigation of the fire that destroyed the New York City Railway car barn at Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh streets and First and Second avenues and the paint factory of George W. Grote at 430 East 103d street last Saturday night. While Commissioner Bonner said yesterday that he had no proof that the fire was incendiary, still he regarded both as suspicious.

Two fires started simultaneously in the car barn. Then while the first was at its height Grote's paint factory went up in flames. All the available fire apparatus in the east side Harlem district was at the car barn fire and that section was practically unprotected when the factory was discovered to be in flames. Other engine and truck companies were "covering up" for those that had been summoned to the car barn, but they had hardly had time to shift to other quarters when three alarms were sounded in for the factory blaze.

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## LEOPOLD TO SELL THE CONGO.

### King Said to Have Made a Bargain With the Belgian Government.

BRUSSELS, March 1.—It is stated, with the appearance of greater authenticity than that borne by recent rumors, that the Government has agreed with King Leopold upon terms for the annexation by Belgium of the Congo Independent State and that the terms will be announced in a day or two.

According to one statement, the nation will pay the King \$100,000 yearly for fifteen years and will also carry out public works which King Leopold demands to the extent of \$12,000,000. The arrangement is a compulsory compromise.

The King is not satisfied because he wanted \$300,000,000 expended on public buildings, while the people object to the national exchequer being burdened to such an extent.

## WATCHDOGS OF CONGRESS.

### Committees Wake Up and Propose to Scrutinize Department Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A wave of reform has struck the House of Representatives, and if the purposes of certain chairmen of committees are carried out investigations will be made into the expenditures in every executive department. The reform movement in the House is reflected in report just made public. Attention is directed to the fact that there are ten committees of the House that are purely ornamental. They perform no duties, although under the rules their functions are to scrutinize expenditures made by the executive branch of the Government. Six of these committees were created as far back as 1816, namely, those on expenditures in the State, Treasury, War, Navy and Post Office departments and on public buildings.

There was a time when these committees were potential factors in the House. For example the Committee on Expenditures of the War Department made the investigation that resulted in the impeachment proceedings brought against Secretary of War Belknap during the Grant Administration. The report says in part:

"The present time has been selected for the resuscitation of the expenditures committees when no charges are pending to invite public attention or excite the public mind and to arouse partisanship. The reform movement in the House is reflected in report just made public. Attention is directed to the fact that there are ten committees of the House that are purely ornamental. They perform no duties, although under the rules their functions are to scrutinize expenditures made by the executive branch of the Government. Six of these committees were created as far back as 1816, namely, those on expenditures in the State, Treasury, War, Navy and Post Office departments and on public buildings.

## FOUR LIVES LOST IN A FIRE.

### Man and Three of His Children Burned to Death in Their Home.

LANCASTER, N. Y., March 1.—Anthony Schultz and three children, Nellie, aged 13 years, Joseph, 11, and Mary, 6, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home near Gould Couple Works in Depey, N. Y., this morning. They lived on the second floor, the family consisting of nine. On the first floor was a saloon kept by George Rebeck, and it is believed the fire started there. The remaining members of the Schultz household, his wife and four infant children, were rescued by James Gould of Buffalo, who discovered the fire, and Walter, a son of Schultz, who lived next door and whose grocery and home were also burned.

Gould was acting as night watchman at the Gould works, and after discovering the fire turned in an alarm and rushed into the burning building. Young Schultz also appeared about that time and gave the location of the endangered persons. By the time the women and the little ones were dragged to safety the building was all aflame. Schultz and the three children having apparently been suffocated before the fire awakened them. They made no outcry. The loss to Redneck's saloon and Walter Schultz's grocery was about \$8,000, and the Schultz building a like amount.

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## WOULD HAVE JACKSON PUT OUT

### ORIENTAL BANK DEPOSITORS TALK OF APPEAL TO HUGHES.

Bank's Counsel, However, Content to Fight the Matter Out in the Courts, Where They Believe They Can Show That the Depositors' Interests Were Secure.

The depositors of the Oriental Bank have decided to take a hand in the receivership game played by Attorney-General Jackson and are even talking of an appeal to Gov. Hughes. They held at an uptown club yesterday a meeting that lasted for several hours. As a result a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Michael J. Drummond, who is a pipe manufacturer; Marcus Stine, a lawyer, and Eugene Bissell of Brooklyn. This committee held a conference with S. S. Menken of Philbin, Beekman & Menken, attorneys for the bank, and then called on David McClure, who was asked if he would take the case for the depositors. Mr. McClure agreed to take up the matter for the depositors, provided that a large force of men to work yesterday at a meeting to be held to-day at the Board of Trade and Transportation rooms. While Mr. McClure was unable yesterday to say anything concerning the matter to be taken, as he had not yet been retained, the members of the committee willingly outlined their plans for the fight which will be begun against the Attorney-General.

"The depositors have some rights in these matters," said Mr. Drummond yesterday, "and it is about time that the Attorney-General is made to realize that fact. The appointment of the receivers was unfair to the officers and depositors of the bank, especially at this time, when all plans for payment had practically been made. I am heartily in favor of taking a decided stand at this time. The Attorney-General has ridden over the Bank Superintendent and this playing with the money of depositors should be stopped."

The plan which will be submitted for the consideration of the depositors is a petition presenting charges to Gov. Hughes and asking him to recommend to the Senate the removal of the Attorney-General. Members of the depositors' committee said also that the depositors will pass a resolution favoring the bill to give to the Superintendent of Banks the initiative in bank receivership matters.

Whether or not the committee can carry out its plans remains to be seen, but S. Stanwood Menken of counsel for the bank, said yesterday that so far as the bank and its officers were concerned they would prefer to fight the matter in the courts where they believe they can force the Attorney-General to agree to drop his motion to make the receivership permanent.

"I have heard of this plan to petition the Governor that he recommend the removal of Attorney-General Jackson," Mr. Menken said, "but we will be content to adjust the matter in the court. We believe our position is unassailable and that the court will not consent to putting the bank in the receivers's hands. I shall take occasion in court to reply to some of the statements made by the Attorney-General about the bank's condition. I shall also present to-morrow to the depositors some affidavits which may cause them to decide on a different line of action."

It is known that one of these affidavits comes from a bank examiner who is conversant with the affairs of the Oriental and is entirely favorable to the bank's scheme for paying the depositors.

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## HIS ASHES IN THE OCEAN.

### Woman on the Lucania Fulfills New Yorker's Desire—Services Ashore.

LONDON, March 1.—During the Lucania's last eastward passage a woman passenger scattered an urn full of ashes overboard in mid-Atlantic. She obtained a certificate from the captain showing that she had done so, together with the time and the latitude and longitude.

She said the ashes were those of the cremated remains of a prominent New York business man, who had directed that they be thus disposed of, and who specified the Lucania, which was his favorite steamer, as the ship they were to be thrown from.

The time for the scattering of the ashes had been previously arranged so that the man's relatives could simultaneously attend a memorial service in New York.

The woman sailed for New York on the Lucania's return trip. No names are mentioned in the story.

## NIGHT COURT'S RECORD NIGHT.

### 232 Prisoners Arraigned in the Session Ended Sunday Morning.

Magistrate Barlow finished his turn in the night police court with the session ended Sunday morning, a session which made one new record. Saturday night all records for the number of prisoners arraigned was made, 232 men and women facing the Magistrate.

One hundred and fifty-one of those arraigned were convicted, but only \$130 was paid in fines. As a result of the great number of prisoners the police detention pen was jammed with men and women, and after the sentences had been imposed so many were taken to the Jefferson Market prison that it was overcrowded, four and even five prisoners occupying the same cell.

Inspector Russell and a squad of his men raided a resort at 100 Bovey and arrested sixteen women. When the women came into court Magistrate Barlow did not stop to take any testimony, but sent all of them to the workhouse.

## FLOTILLA AT CALLAO.

### Destroyers Three Days Ahead of Time—Mexico Preparing for the Fleet.

CALLAO, Peru, March 1.—The flotilla of United States torpedo boat destroyers arrived here to-day.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The torpedo boat flotilla has arrived at Callao, Peru, according to a cablegram received to-day at the Navy Department from Lieutenant-Commander Hutch I. Cone, the commanding officer. The flotilla is three days ahead of its original schedule.

After a stay of about five days at Callao the flotilla will proceed northward. It is due to reach Panama on March 18; Acapulco, Mexico, on March 23, and Magdalena Bay on April 8. After several weeks of target practice with the fleet the flotilla will go to San Francisco to participate in the great naval review in San Francisco Bay.

The flotilla is composed of the Whipple, Hopkins, Hull, Stewart, Lawrence and Truxtun. Mexico City, March 1.—The tenders and smaller vessels of the American fleet of warships will visit the port of Acapulco on their way to Magdalena Bay. The Mexican Government will accord this portion of the fleet an official welcome at Acapulco, plans for which are now being arranged. It is expected that a delegation of officials will go to Acapulco from this city to greet the visitors. Acapulco has no railroad connection with the interior of Mexico.

Excursion parties are being organized in Guadalajara and all the larger cities and towns of western Mexico to visit Magdalena Bay during the presence there of the American fleet. All available coast steamers have already been chartered by the prospective excursionists.

Guaymas, Topoltepec and Mazatlan are the three nearest Mexican ports to Magdalena Bay.

## COLLISION BLOCKS TWO LINES.

### 34th Street Car Assumes the Right of Way and Hits a Third Avenue Car.

The Third Avenue and the Thirty-fourth street surface lines were tied up for more than half an hour about 10 o'clock last night by a collision between two cars at Thirty-fourth street and Third Avenue which injured several persons and caused a lot of excitement.

Third Avenue cars have the right of way at this point. An eastbound Thirty-fourth street car in charge of Motorman Isaac Anderson, and well filled with passengers, came down the hill to Third Avenue at such a rate of speed that Anderson was unable to stop his car, and it shot across the Third Avenue tracks it caught a southbound car amidships and turned it completely around.

The crash was heard for blocks and an alarm was at once sent to Bellevue Hospital for ambulances. The police reserves from the East Thirty-fifth street precinct got on the job at the same time as the company's wrecking wagon.

The Third Avenue car was smashed up generally and the Thirty-fourth street car was shiv its front vestibule and all of its windows.

Dr. Wall of Bellevue Hospital found only one passenger whose injuries were severe enough to make it necessary for him to go to the hospital. He was Philip Porpp of 332 West Seventeenth street, who had a fractured rib and was badly cut by glass. The others injured by glass and bruises said they were George Howell of 72 Dupont street, Brooklyn; Mrs. Ida McDougall of 1028 Willow avenue, Hoboken, and Mrs. W. G. Dean of 112 Aldine street, Orange, N. J.

## CHURCH CLOSED BY CURFEW.

### Holiness Congregation of 150 Persons Arrested for Shooting After Hours.

GAINESVILLE, Ga., March 1.—The curfew law, which has been a dead letter for years, was enforced last night against a Holiness congregation and 150 men and women were arrested.

The curfew law requires all persons to be at home, unless out for good cause, by 11 o'clock. The Holiness set is strong here and has been holding nightly meetings, which continued until long after midnight. These meetings have been characterized by holy dances, holy rolling, shouting, healing, talk in unknown tongues and the like.

The part of the city near where the meetings have been held grew weary of the nightly orgies and complained to the authorities. Last night at 11 o'clock Peppercorn Church was raided by the police and the whole congregation was arrested. The Recorder was at City Hall and tried the people as they were brought in. He imposed nominal fines on the leaders and warned the others that meetings must be closed promptly at 10 o'clock.

## ANDY HAMILTON FOUND DEAD.

### Lobbyist Who Came Into Notoriety in the Insurance Investigation.

ALBANY, March 1.—Former Judge Andrew Hamilton was found dead in bed at his home in Albany this morning. He had passed away without any one knowing that he had been ill. He was about the city last night and returned to his home apparently in his usual health. When he was called this morning there was no response and investigation revealed that he was dead. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Judge Hamilton became conspicuous during the life insurance investigation, as it was brought out that he represented the life insurance corporations in making legislation affecting them in the different States. While the investigation was on he was in Europe, but he returned to Albany while the Legislature was considering the Hughes bills and created a sensation by unexpectedly appearing before the committees that were giving hearings on the bills and in the presence of the trustees and presidents of the different life insurance companies. He branded them as responsible for what was brought out at the investigation.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Albany forty-five years ago and was a school teacher before he was admitted to the bar. He was graduated from the Albany law school and took up the practice of law here, forming a partnership with the late Hugh Reilly. He was a Democrat in politics and opposed D-Cady Herick's leadership. He had been a City Court Justice and also Assistant District Attorney of this county. Through his friendship with the late John A. McCall he became the legislative attorney for the New York Life Insurance Company and was president of the Albany Club for several years, retiring from that office a year ago. He was also a member of the Port Orange Club. Judge Hamilton's wife died about a year ago. He is survived by three daughters, Miss Jessie Hamilton, Mrs. James Cox Brady, who married the son of A. N. Brady, and Miss Mary Hamilton.

## Hired to Burn AMPERSAND

### TWO PRISONERS IN AN ALLEGED INSURANCE PLOT.

One of Them Confesses That He Was in It, Though So Far as Appears Neither Burned the Hotel—Two Other Men Who Had the Job in Hand Threw It Down.

Two men arrested on Saturday and remanded in court yesterday to Police Headquarters are accused of having been members of a conspiracy which contrived the burning on September 21, 1907, of the Hotel Ampersand at Saranac Lake.

The prisoners, according to Inspector McCaffery, say that they and their three partners not yet arrested engineered the burning on behalf of a "man who is a member of the hotel corporation and who said that the hotel would have to go because it was losing money."

The men arrested are Herman Vanderwall, a chiropractor at 978 East 104th street, and formerly of the Hotel Plaza, and Vanderwall's son-in-law, Morris Newmark, a clerk, of 126 West 136th street. The complainant is W. J. Greer, an insurance agent at 46 Cedar street. Vanderwall was captured at Forty-second street and Sixth avenue, and the younger man at 381 Broadway by Detectives Van Twiesten, McCormick and Butts. Magistrate Droeghe had signed warrants for each.

Brought in each ignorant of the other's arrest, the prisoners at first said they knew nothing of the Ampersand and its destruction, but Newmark, Inspector McCaffery says, finally became garrulous. Some time before the fire, he said, his father-in-law had approached him on the subject of making a little easy money.

"There's a hotel up there at Saranac that must come down," is the way Vanderwall talked, according to Newmark.

"Down?" said Newmark, to which Vanderwall replied: "Yes; torn down or burned down—some way and there's \$500 in it for you."

Newmark says he agreed to the plan which was then revealed. At 10th street and Madison avenue he and Vanderwall picked up two young men who engaged for their expenses up and back, incidentals and \$100 each, to go up to Saranac and burn the Ampersand.

Vanderwall, so the story goes, went with them to the 125th street station of the New York Central, bought their tickets himself and saw them up the stairs to the tracks. But the two hirelings, McCaffery learns from other sources, double crossed Vanderwall and Newmark. When the chiropractor had gone they sneaked down to the ticket agent and tried to redeem their tickets and, failing in that, they hired a lawyer to sue the Central for the amount of their fares.

The lawyer jumped right over and told Greer, who had the Ampersand's insurance in charge, and hence the final arrest of Vanderwall and Newmark. The two young men who were refused by Vanderwall, McCaffery says, will be witnesses at the trial.

They didn't fire the hotel, but it burned according to schedule on the date alleged to have been set by the conspirators. McCaffery's theory is that somebody else was already on the job.

The inspector thinks the two young men were started off and were to have gone along merely to attract suspicion to themselves in case arson was suspected and the authorities began canvassing the town for suspicious characters.

It was Vanderwall, the chiropractor, who implicated the director in the hotel corporation, according to McCaffery. The inspector pumped this prisoner a long time before getting any information. Finally he would talk, Vanderwall said, on a promise of immunity.

McCaffery wasn't able to give that, but at length, he says, Vanderwall opened up but enough to say that back of the fire was a job put up by this director to burn down the Ampersand, which was losing money, and to take away the insurance.

At Headquarters last night a New York Central ticket agent identified Vanderwall as the man who had bought two tickets for Saranac Lake on the date alleged. Abo Levy has been engaged as counsel by the prisoners. Inspector McCaffery says more arrests are coming.

## OPERATION ON MRS. J. R. DREXEL.

### Performed at Her Residence for Appendicitis—Condition Not Serious.

Mrs. John R. Drexel was operated upon for appendicitis yesterday afternoon at her residence, 1 East Sixty-second street. Dr. William T. Bull performed the operation. It was said that the Drexel home last night that Mrs. Drexel was resting comfortably and that her condition is not serious.

## BURN BOLTER IN EFFIGY.

### Constituents of Democratic Kentucky Legislature Who Voted for Bradley Indignant.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 1.—Representative B. W. Lard of Danville, who bolted the Democratic caucus and nominated J. C. W. Beckham and voted for Senator J. C. W. Beckham and voted for Senator J. C. W. Beckham, was burned in effigy by the citizens of Danville last night.

A banner twelve feet wide was hung across the main street of Danville yesterday on which was painted: "Traitor, how much did you get?" and a wreath of dollar marks.

The Democrats of Clark county, one of the most hostile communities in the State to Gov. Beckham, met yesterday and nominated the bolters, adding to the resolution that defeat with honor was better than victory with dishonor.

## AVALANCHE KILLS ELEVEN.

### Fifteen Hurt Also Near Simple Tunnel Entrance—Hostelry Wrecked.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERNES, March 1.—An avalanche has wrecked the hostelry built to accommodate the tunnel for the Leontenberg Railway connecting Bernes with the Simplon Tunnel. Eleven men were killed, including a doctor and engineer, and fifteen were seriously injured.

The engineer's name was Morvart. He was 50 years old and is said to have been the representative of an American firm. The building did not stand in the track of the avalanche, but it was demolished by the rush of air caused by the displacement of the atmosphere.

## BANNERMAN HAS BAD TURN.

### English Premier's Heart Weakened by Indigestion, Says Doctor's Bulletin.

LONDON, March 1.—Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has a relapse to-day after a bad night. Dr. Sir Thomas Barlow visited him again to-day.

A bulletin issued this evening says that the strength of his heart has been somewhat tried by influenza, but his general condition is fairly good.

## THIS MAN'S WILL A MAP.

### Draws Plot of His Real Estate and Puts Heir's Name on Each Piece.

PONTIAC, Mich., March 1.—The will of Robert A. Quartermass of Amy was filed in the Probate Court here yesterday. It was drawn on a piece of Manila board three feet square and gave a minute plot of all the real estate he owned.

On the plot is indicated just what portion Quartermass wanted each heir to have. The estate was worth about \$20,000.

## GEN. D'AMADE ROUTS MOORS.

### French Troops, Attacked on the March, Punish Assaults.

PARIS, March 1.—Gen. d'Amade, the French commander in the Casablanca region, while marching to attack Souk-el-Drin was himself attacked by Madagascari tribesmen. A stiff fight followed, in which the French lost two officers and eight men killed and twenty-three wounded.

Gen. d'Amade repulsed the Moors and pursued them for a distance. He lost a few more men in the pursuit. The losses of the Moors were heavy.

## HALF MILLION FIRE IN TAMPA.

### Four Cigar Factories Among the 300 Buildings Destroyed.

TAMPA, Fla., March 1.—The northeastern section of the city was destroyed by fire this morning. Three hundred buildings, including four large cigar factories, were burned. The loss is more than \$500,000. The cigar factories burned were those of M. Stachelberg & Co., M. Perez & Co., Gonzalez, Fisher & Co. and Esberg, Gunst & Co.

## CHOSE HIS MANNER OF DEATH.

### Man Who Thought He Was Drowning Put a Bullet Into His Head.

BOSTON, March 1.—Raffaele Calibrese, an Italian, 22 years old, put a revolver to his head while floundering about in an alkali in the Charles River at Dedham this afternoon and killed himself rather than drown.

Calibrese had a quarrel on the ice with a boy named John Crossen over the sale of a bicycle and in the dispute the latter rapped the Italian over the head with his hockey stick. Crossen was on skates, while the Italian had none. After hitting Calibrese Crossen skated away and the Italian chased him, firing several shots at the boy as he fled.

The Italian ran directly toward an air-hole in the pursuit and without heeding the warnings shouted by skaters he fell into the water. Although the water was only a little above his waist he evidently thought he was going to drown, so he fired a shot through his head and died instantly. The body was recovered and Crossen was held by the police pending an investigation.

## CROWD BEATS NEW POLICEMAN.

### Snowballs Begin the Attack on a Man in Uniform.